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FROM ASD:PA

SUBJ: CVA OPERATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN
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1. ASD(PA) HAS ADVISED MEDIA THAT CVA USS HANCOCK WITH FOUR DESTROYERS AND AN OILER MAKING UP TASK GROUP 77.6 HAS TRANSITED THE STRAIT OF MALACCA FOR OPERATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE HAS ADVISED THAT ITS MOVEMENT RELATES ONLY TO U.S. INTEREST IN OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FROM TIME TO TIME AND IS NOT REPEAT NOT RELATED IN ANY WAY TO SOVIET NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THOUGH THE TASK GROUP WAS FORMED DURING THE U.S. FORCES WORLD-WIDE ALERT, IT SUBSEQUENTLY WAS RELEASED FROM ALERT ALONG WITH OTHER FORCES IN THE PACIFIC. ITS POSITION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC AS A FORMED TASK FORCE NO LONGER ON ALERT OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN OCCASSIONALLY OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. COMMENT ON THE OPERATION OF THIS TASK GROUP SHOULD BE LIMITED TO WHAT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AT THE PENTAGON PRESS BRIEFINGS AS STATED ABOVE. DISCUSSIONS SHOULD AVOID ANY SPECULATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE FUTURE MOVEMENTS, LENGTH OF STAY, POSSIBLE PORT VISITS OR ANY OTHER POSTULATED REASONS FOR BEING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

3. QUERIES WHICH CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY ANSWERED WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION MAY BE TAKEN BY ADDRESSEES AND REFERRED TO OASD(PA).

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